

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) is composed of 27 member cities across southeast Los Angeles County spanning three Supervisorial Districts, encompassing a combined population of over 2 million. The Gateway COG has taken up the complex issue of homelessness and conducted a thorough review of the issue, how it impacts their cities, and the southeast region of the County at large. The Homeless Count and other recent data led them to conclude that they have approximately 15,000 individuals who are homeless on their streets on any given night, including families, the elderly, the mentally ill, and those suffering from substance abuse. In response, they have decided as a group to embark on what I believe is an unprecedented effort: to develop and implement a coordinated, regional approach to serving the homeless population in their large and diverse area of the County.

I believe that a key aspect of any solution to this problem will require nothing less than the full support of the cities and communities across the County. The fact that this significant body of local governments have come forward with a commitment to work in partnership with the County is an ideal situation, and I believe that we must do all we can to support it.

The Gateway COG has committed to developing a comprehensive regional plan to address homeless issues in their region. They indicated their commitment to this issue

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in a letter to the Board of Supervisors dated August 2, 2006, which the Chief Administrative Officer responded to on April 2, 2007, informing them of his intent to recommend that \$1.2 million in annual funding be made available to the Gateway COG.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board instruct the CAO to move \$1.2 million from the central homeless prevention fund to a Provisional Financing Use (PFU) Account for the Gateway COG as follows:

- An amount not to exceed \$150,000 will be set aside on a one-time basis to retain a consultant to work with the Gateway COG to develop a Homeless Services Strategy, and;
- Upon submission and approval of the Strategy, an amount not to exceed \$1.2 million per year to fund capital and service activities identified in the Strategy.

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